



PRESS RELEASE

January 9, 2019

SUBJECT: Fentanyl overdose and use of Naloxone

CASE NUMBER: 1804278

DATE OCCURRED: December 25th, 2018

TIME OCCURRED: 11:00 PM

CONTACT PERSON: Lieutenant Ryan Johansen

On Tuesday, December 25th, 2018 at approximately 11:00 PM San Bruno Police Officers responded to a business on San Bruno Avenue regarding report of a subject who may have overdosed on a controlled substance. Upon their arrival, officers observed a 20-year-old female who was unconscious and not breathing. One officer immediately began CPR in an effort to revive the female. The subject regained conscious briefly, but soon stopped breathing again. Other officers arrived and spoke with family members of the subject who advised them that she intended to commit suicide by injecting fentanyl. Upon learning of the possible fentanyl overdose, another officer prepared and administered a department issued dose of Naloxone to the subject. San Bruno Firefighters and Paramedics arrived and administered a second dose of Naloxone. The subject regained consciousness and was transported to a local medical facility for treatment prior to release.

Last year the San Bruno Police Department trained and equipped all of its officers with Naloxone. Naloxone is a medication designed to rapidly reverse an opioid overdose. It can quickly restore normal respiration to a person whose breathing has slowed or stopped as a result of overdosing with heroin or prescription opioid medications such as fentanyl. While fire and medical personnel are much better equipped to provide medical treatment in the field, police officers are often the first emergency responders on scene. This capability clearly allows officers to take swift action while awaiting the response for medical personnel.